

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
January 16, 1923

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 16, 1923, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The regular order of business was suspended as a delegation of the property owners on Arlington Avenue were present regarding the pavement on said street. President Fitzhugh read a letter printed in the Torrance Herald December 20th last, from the Western Willite Construction Co; likewise stating that the Board was anxious to have the matter adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned, and asked Attorney Briney to explain the legal phases of the contract. This Mr. Briney did, assuring those present that the contractor was entitled to payment in full for the completed work. The City Engineer stated that the condition of the road might be due to local conditions as a pavement might stand up for years in one locality and fall down quickly in another; that he was convinced that the contractor was not at fault as he had done everything required of him by the City's specifications, but was willing to do more than the specifications called for to give the people a good pavement; and that repairs would be begun within the next week. Mr. and Mes. Gay, Mrs. Zhradnick, Messrs. Klusman, Von Hagen, Mrs. Lessing and Mrs. George were some of the protestants against the condition of the pavement.

The consensus of the meeting seemed to be that a mass meeting of property owners on Arlington Avenue should be called in the very near future, at which time, a representative from the Willite Co. would be present, and the various members of the Board of Trustees stated that the same would be done and the time and place be announced by hand bills later.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the meeting adjourn for 30 minutes to reconvene at 11:00 P.M. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

After reconvening at 11:00 P.M., Mr. Erwin introduced Messrs. Bennett and Ryan, to whom he had leased his pool hall, and these gentlemen asked the Board to grant them a permit to operate the same. Mr. Bennett gave the names of R. E. Hinkle and Ray Hinkle of 1221 West First St. Long Beach as references. Mr. Ryan gave the names of Mr. Chilton, Standard Bottling Works, Mr. McGee, Mr. Huff, Mr. Boyer, Mission Pool Hall, all of San Pedro as references.

Trustee Gilbert moved that a permit to operate a pool hall be granted to these gentlemen: Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Business Mens' Association, represented by Mr. Rappaport, asked the Board to bear part of the expense of a watchman for the business district; that each business man was paying \$3.00 per month toward the salary of a watchman, but that to date enough subscriptions had not been guaranteed to pay the whole salary. The Association asked that the City pay \$50.00 per month, but that in the event more subscribers to this fund were secured, it would tend to reduce the above amount just that much.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the City pay \$50.00 or less, as the case may be, toward the salary of a night watchman; that the said watchman be under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Police; and that this payment be made not to exceed four consecutive months. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Stone moved that the deputizing of Mr. Tolson be referred to the proper committee. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. T. B. Bartlett appeared before the Board and requested permission to install three strings of lights across El Prado, stating that he had obtained the necessary permission from Mr. Roberts. He also requested that a permit be granted him to stage two street dances a month.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Mr. Bartlett be granted permission to string the lights as above mentioned, also that he be permitted to stage two street dances each month, on Saturday nights, so as not to interfere with other dance dates. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The bids for the plumbing for the Fire house and Jail were opened. There being but one bid, made by the Torrance Plumbing Co., Trustee Proctor moved that same be referred to the City Engineer for recommendations. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried. The amount of bid was \$914.00.

Bids for the electric wiring and fixtures for the Fire house and Jail were opened:

The H. & S. Electric Co. bid	\$350.40
Torrance Electric Shop bid	344.40

Trustee Proctor moved that the bid of the Torrance Electric Shop be accepted; that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a contract for same; that the president of the Board of Trustees be empowered to execute said contract, and all other bids be rejected. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Dr. Steiner outlined a plan of the Dominguez Land Co. to subdivide a certain tract into five acre lots so as to give more chance to smaller investors to acquire property in this vicinity.

Trustee Gilbert thought well of the plan and moved that the Dominguez Land Co. be encouraged in its efforts and that the City Engineer co-operate with said Company's Engineer in its completion. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of the play grounds in El Prado was referred to the Street, Sewer & Park committee with power to act on motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Stone, and the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

On motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote, the request of the Torrance Laundry for more protection in the matter of licensing outside parties engaged in this business was tabled until said Laundry Co. paid up their license.

Attorney Briney read:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 107

RESOLVED, That the map of Tract No. 5925, this day presented to this Board, be, and the same is hereby, approved by this Board of Trustees for recordation in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County.

Trustee Stone moved that Resolution No. 107 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None. ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 108

RESOLVED, That the map of Tract No. 5944, this day presented to this Board, be, and the same is hereby, approved by this Board of Trustees for recordation in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County.

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 108 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The regular order of business was resumed.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 1923 were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of January 5, 1923 were read and approved as read.

The written request of Messrs. Cook & Wagner to conduct a used car business on Lot 25, Block 4, was discussed. Trustee Gilbert moved that the request for a permit be refused, and that the Clerk so notify them, but to try and encourage them to procure a building in which to operate said business as the Board did not wish to restrict business enterprise. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that Schultz, Peckham & Schultz be requested to remove their display of second hand cars from the middle of Cabrillo Street. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The request of J. A. McMillan to put in a driveway on Lot 10, Block 43, was granted on motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote.

A letter from the County Surveyor, stating his unsympathetic attitude toward subdivisions such as Tract No. 5504 was read. Trustee Proctor moved that the matter of the approval of this Tract be laid on the table. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A resolution signed: Board of Directors Torrance Chamber of Commerce, Harry F. Gadeky Sec'y, was read by the City Clerk, requesting the installation of red lights at the corner of Arlington and Marcelina Aves. and at the junction of Carson, Manual and El Prado as a "safety first" enterprise.

Trustee Proctor moved that the matter be referred to the Lights committee. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that the City Engineer be instructed to work along the lines of this request. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The County tax Collector notified the City that taxes to the amount of \$32521.35 had been collected for the month of December.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Two requests from the Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co. with sketches attached, for permission to set poles and anchors within the City, were granted on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote.

Mr. Mowrey asked permission to erect a bungalow court on Arlington Avenue within 10 feet of the property line.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority, such permission was granted.

On recommendation of the City Engineer, Trustee Gilbert moved that the Torrance Plumbing Co. F. L. Parks, Prop. be awarded the contract for the Plumbing for the Fire house and Jail; that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a contract; that the President of the Board of Trustees be empowered to execute said contract. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Stone moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for three cells and a corridor for the jail, said bids to be opened at 8:00 PM. February 20, 1923. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone, and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Gilbert introduced Ordinance No. 46 amending Ordinance No. 10.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 10 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERING, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 46 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At 1:25 A.M. Trustee Gilbert moved to adjourn until 7:00 P.M. Tuesday January 23, 1923, Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bantist  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.